

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An instrument for implanting a prosthetic into a selected portion of a body, comprising:

a prosthetic engaging portion operable to selectively engage the prosthetic and extending along a first axis plane;

a graspable portion extending from said prosthetic engaging portion; and

a rotatable torque transfer system to transfer rotational torque from a second axis plane to said first axis, said torque transfer system rotates independently of said graspable portion plane;

wherein said first axis plane intersects said second axis plane;

wherein said torque transfer system includes at least a first portion ~~lying in~~ extending along said first second axis plane and extending from said prosthetic engaging portion and a second portion extending along said second axis;

wherein said prosthetic engaging portion is operable to at least one of engage and disengage the prosthetic via said torque transfer system.

2. (Currently Amended) The instruments of claim 1, further comprising:
an extending portion extending from said prosthetic engaging portion and operable with said torque transfer system;

wherein said extending portion extends at an angle relative to said prosthetic engaging portion and substantially defines said second axis plane.

3. – 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The instrument of claim 1, wherein said prosthetic engaging portion includes a rotatable threaded member;

wherein said torque transfer system is able to transfer a torque to said rotatable threaded member to rotate said rotatable threaded member to at least one of engage and disengage the prosthetic.

6. (Currently Amended) The instrument of claim 1, further comprising:
a strikeable portion;
wherein said strikeable portion extends from said graspable portion to be struck by a selected instrument; wherein said graspable portion extends along said first axis.

7. (Original) The instrument of claim 1, further comprising:
an acetabular cup operable to be disengaged from said prosthetic engaging portion after implantation into the selected portion of the body.

8. (Currently Amended) The instrument of claim 1, further comprising:

an intermediate portion generally parallel to said first axis plane and spaced therefrom; and

an extending member extending from at least one of said prosthetic engaging portion and said graspable portion to substantially interconnect said intermediate portion and the at least one of said prosthetic engaging portion and said [[the]] graspable portion.

9. (Original) The instrument of claim 1, wherein said prosthetic engaging portion is disposed distally from said graspable portion.

10. (Original) The instrument of claim 9, wherein said prosthetic engaging portion is positionable through an incision formed in a dermas while said graspable portion extends to an exterior of the dermas, such that the prosthetic engaging portion is manipulatable with said graspable portion while said prosthetic engaging portion is internally disposed relative to the dermas.

11. (Original) The instrument of claim 9, wherein said torque transfer system is disposed adjacent to said prosthetic engaging portion near a distal end of the instrument;

wherein said torque transfer system is disposed a distance from said graspable portion.

12. (Original) The instrument of claim 11, further comprising:

a torqueing instrument positionable relative to said torque transfer system to provide torque to said torque transfer system;

wherein said torqueing instrument is positioned near a distal end of the instrument.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing an implant to a selected area of a body, comprising:

a graspable portion able to transfer a force to an implant engaging portion along a first axis line;

an intermediate portion interconnecting said graspable portion and said implant engaging portion, wherein at least a portion of said intermediate portion is spaced a distance from said first axis line;

an angled portion of said intermediate portion extends along a second axis line that intersects said first axis line;

a torque transfer system at least partially housed in said angled portion that rotates independently of said angled portion and transfers rotational ~~operable with said angled portion to transfer~~ torque to said implant engaging portion;

wherein said torque transfer system is operable to torque said implant engaging portion to at least one of engage and disengage ~~said implant engaging system from~~ the implant.

14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising:

a strikeable portion;

wherein said strikeable portion may be struck to apply a force through said implant engaging portion substantially along said first axis line to implant the implant.

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said intermediate portion includes a parallel member;

wherein said parallel member is substantially parallel with said first axis line and spaced a distance from said first axis line to provide a clear view of said implant engaging portion during use of the apparatus.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said angled portion extends to allow a tool to engage said torque transfer system while providing a substantially clear view of said implant engaging portion.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said torque transfer system is operable to transfer torque around an angle defined by said angled portion relative to said implant engaging portion while providing a substantially clear view of said implant engaging portion.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said torque transfer system is selected from the group including a flexible member, a universal ball joint, an elbow joint, a transverse head tool, and a geared interconnection, a mitre gear, and combinations thereof.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said implant engaging portion includes a threaded member that is operable to be torqued with said torque transfer system;

wherein said threaded member is able to engage a selected portion of the implant during an implanting procedure.

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said graspable portion is positioned proximally from said implant engaging portion;

wherein said implant engaging ~~implanting using~~ portion may be positioned through a dermas of the body while said graspable portion is positioned exterior to said dermas.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said torque transfer system is positioned substantially adjacent to said implant engaging portion.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising:
a torque supplying instrument;
wherein said torque supplying instrument can supply a torque to said torque transfer system;

wherein said torque supplying instrument may be positioned distally from said graspable portion.

23. – 27. (Cancelled)

28. (New) An apparatus for implanting a prosthetic into a selected portion of a body comprising:

- a prosthetic holding portion extending along a first axis, said prosthetic holding portion including an outer housing;

- a graspable portion extending along said first axis;

- a clearance portion between said prosthetic holding portion and said graspable portion, said clearance portion extending along a second axis that is offset from said first axis to provide a user of said apparatus with a clear view of said prosthetic holding portion; and

- a rotational torque transfer system including a torque transferring portion at said prosthetic holding portion that rotates independently of said outer housing and a driving portion extending from said prosthetic holding portion to said clearance portion, said torque transferring portion is angled relative to said driving portion;

- wherein said torque transfer system applies rotational torque to said implant to engage and disengage said implant.

29. (New) The apparatus of Claim 28, wherein said torque transferring portion further comprises threads.

30. (New) The apparatus of Claim 29, wherein said threads cooperate with threads of said implant.

31. (New) The apparatus of Claim 28, wherein said torque transferring portion further comprises first teeth and said driving portion further comprises second teeth; and wherein said first teeth cooperate with said second teeth to transfer torque between said torque transferring portion and said driving portion.

32. (New) The apparatus of Claim 28, further comprising a strikable head at said graspable portion.

33. (New) The apparatus of Claim 28, wherein a portion of said torque transferring portion extends beyond a surface of said clearance portion, and said clearance portion that extends along said second axis is substantially parallel to said first axis.

34. (New) The apparatus of Claim 28, further comprising a first angled portion between said clearance portion and said prosthetic holding portion and a second angled portion between said clearance portion and said graspable portion.

35. (New) The apparatus of Claim 34, wherein said driving portion extends through said first angled portion, said driving portion rotates independently of said first angled portion.